



## The Old Fire House Classic Rockathon



The Old Fire House Teen Center (OFH) presents: the fourth annual OFH Classic Rockathon. Finalists will play their favorite *Classic Rock* songs live on stage, get the chance to win some amazing prizes and be heard by local music industry professionals. All proceeds go to benefit The Old Firehouse Teen Center.

To qualify to enter, all you have to do is be between the ages of thirteen and nineteen, play in a band from any genre of music and want to keep the classic rock spirit alive! Prizes may include: Recording time in the renowned OFH Media Lab recording studio, gift cards, and tons of exciting free stuff.

The contest starts Thursday, February 18, 2010. Application packets are available at the Old Fire House located at 16510 NE 79th St. Redmond, WA 98052 or downloaded at <http://www.theoldfirehouse.org> and for more info go to <http://www.myspace.com/ofhclassicrockathon>. The deadline for entries is Wednesday March 24, 2010 at 5pm.

\*Make sure you're on time. This years' Rockathon motto is: "If not now, then when?"

- ✚ Eight Finalists will be announced Friday March 26, 2010 -- these eight bands will be divided between 2 semi final shows
- ✚ 1st Semi-finals will be held Friday April 9, 2010 at the OFH
- ✚ 2nd Semi-finals will be held Saturday April 10, 2010 at the OFH
- ✚ Judges will pick four bands out of these two nights to go to the finals. The four finalists will be announced on April 10, 2010.
- ✚ Finals will be held Friday April 30, 2010 at OFH - four finalists will compete; only one will hold the title.

### History of the OFH

Established in 1992, the Old Fire House Teen Center is a stand-alone teen center located in downtown Redmond, WA. The Old Fire House Teen Center (OFH) serves youth ages 13-19, and has an average of 15,000 teen visits per year. The Old Fire House Teen Center provides innovative and progressive recreational, educational, and personal support programs for all Redmond area teens. We try to provide a safe, positive place where teens can form relationships with both peers and adults, and have fun doing constructive activities that promote confidence and a sense of community.

The Rockathon project helps fulfill the OFH mission in several ways: by providing innovative recreation, creating opportunities for education in classic rock for attendees and entrants and for young volunteers to gain experience and knowledge of what it takes to produce an event from the beginning to the end. The overall objective is to help young people become self sufficient adults who attain the necessary tools for success and involve themselves in their community by simply exploring their strengths and interests.

Our music program has always been at the core of OFH activities and the driving force for youth inclusion in our programs. Some of the high profile music artists that have been involved and supported the OFH programs include: Modest Mouse, Death Cab for Cutie, Fugazi, The Blood Brothers, Rocky Votolato, Common Market, Elliott Smith and Sunny Day Real Estate.

If you are interested in sponsoring or helping with similar OFH programs please contact:  
Chris Cullen 425-556-2341, [ccullen@redmond.gov](mailto:ccullen@redmond.gov)

For more information on the OFH Classic Rockathon and for official rules and regulations please visit our website <http://www.theoldfirehouse.org> or pick up an application packet at the OFH located at: 16510 NE 79th St Redmond, WA 98052

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## Official Rules and Info

### To participate

You must fill out an application in its entirety. Applications can be obtained at the Old Fire House Teen Center (OFH) located at 16510 NE 79<sup>th</sup> St Redmond, WA 98052 or on the Old Fire House Teen Center website.

<http://www.theoldfirehouse.org>

- ✚ The form must be filled out completely and include the signature of a band representative of 18 years or older. This can be a parent, or a member of your band.
- ✚ You must have this information on your application to enter: Your first name and last name, complete address, city, state, zip code, telephone number, date of birth, and a valid email address.
- ✚ All submissions must include a completed and signed application along with a CD demo and must be received or postmarked before the deadline date which is Wednesday, March 24, 2010 at 5pm.
- ✚ To qualify to enter the Rockathon contest at least three members of your band must be between the ages of thirteen and nineteen. If you are a solo artist then you must be between the ages of 13 and 19. If you perform with a backup band, then the above stated age requirement applies to the band as well.
- ✚ All different genres are encouraged to enter including, but not limited to: Hip-Hop, Electronic, Metal, Emo, Hardcore, Folk, Country, World Pop...etc.
- ✚ You must not be in contract with a major record label.
- ✚ You must submit a CD demo along with your application that has at least 1 song which was performed by the band members entering the competition. (It is not necessary to have a classic rock song recorded for entry just as long as the recorded song you have entered includes all of the players who will be performing in the semi-final and finals of the competition.)
- ✚ Once again you may not switch band members in the middle of the competition.  
(Producers reserve the right to give leniency in special circumstances and unforeseen events.)
- ✚ In your application you must include the name or names of the classic rock song(s) that you would like to perform and the artist who originally recorded it.
- ✚ Demos should be a maximum of 15 minutes long.
- ✚ All songs performed in the semi-finals and finals must be classic rock covers.
- ✚ If you have already entered and won the Classic Rockathon you may not enter again until 3 years has elapsed from the date you were notified of winning.
- ✚ All songs must be appropriate for a teen/family audience and participants must comply with the Old Fire House Teen Center Code of Participation while representing the competition.

### OFH Code of Participation

- Treat others with respect.
- Cooperate with staff members and volunteers.
- Persons under the influence or in possession of drugs or alcohol will not be tolerated and are subject to prosecution.
- No weapons of any kind are allowed on OFH property.
- Violent or threatening behavior either through words or actions will not be tolerated.
- Respect this environment; recycle and dispose of trash appropriately.
- Smoking is not allowed anywhere in the teen center, or on the property.

All submitted materials (CDs, tapes, application, pictures, etc.) become the property of The Old Fire House and will not be returned, so make copies.

Application packets can be dropped off during regular OFH hours or mailed to the OFH and must be addressed: OFH Rockathon 16510 79<sup>th</sup> St / Redmond, WA / 98052. All applications must be postmarked no later than **March 24, 2010** at 5pm.

Entrants are required to provide accurate information and the OFH reserves the right to reject any entry that is discovered to be false or fraudulent. The OFH will disqualify any entry from individuals who do not meet the eligibility requirements or who we deem as not appropriate for this event.

**Definition of “Classic Rock” is:** Any rock music that has been written and recorded between 1950 and 1995.

## Judging

The panel of judges will consist of local classic rock experts and may include teen center participants, local music professionals, radio DJ’s, etc.

- The judges will be picked at the sole discretion of The Old Fire House Teen Center.
- All decisions by judges are final.

The judging criteria will be a one to ten score point system in these five categories:

- ✚ Performance
- ✚ Creativity
- ✚ Originality
- ✚ Crowd Response
- ✚ “General Amazement”

## Preliminaries

The judges will pick 8 bands out of all of the submissions to participate in the 2 semi-final events.

The semi-final competitions will determine the four finalists. The four finalists will then compete in the third and last show.

Semi-finalists will be notified no later than **Friday March 26, 2010** by phone and/or e-mail.

## Semi-Finalist Event #1

The semi-finalist event #1 will be held **Friday April 9, 2010** at the Old Fire House Teen Center. Each of the four semi-finalists will be given a maximum of 20 minutes to perform. All songs performed must be Classic Rock songs. Any Finalists from this event will be announced at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semi-final show on Saturday April 10<sup>th</sup> and will be notified by e-mail or phone.

## Semi-Finalist Event #2

The semi-finalist event #2 will be held **Saturday April 10, 2010** at the Old Fire House Teen Center. Each of the four semi-finalists will be given a maximum of 20 minutes to perform. All songs performed must be Classic Rock songs. Four Finalists from the two semi-final shows will be announced at the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> semi-finals and will be notified by either the day of, phone or e-mail. All four finalists will have 3 weeks to prepare for the finals and garner a crowd.

## Finalist Event

The finalist event will be held **Friday April 30, 2010** at the Old Fire House Teen Center. Each Finalist will be given a maximum of 20 minutes to perform. All songs performed must be Classic Rock songs. The winner will be announced at the end of the event.

## \*Producers Pick

This is an opportunity for the band that was not picked by the judges for the finals, to play the final event as the headliner on **Friday April 30** and benefit from the added exposure. The Producers Pick artist is not eligible to enter the finals. The Producers Pick will be announced at the end of the semi-finals event on April 10.

## **RULES FOR EVENTS (semi-finals and finals)**

- ✚ All members of your band must be at the OFH no later than 6pm for all semi-final and finalist events with all necessary instruments and gear for your performance. (No instruments will be provided by OFH.)
- ✚ Standard OFH PA with competent audio engineer will be provided for all bands.
- ✚ You must be present at 6pm with a band representative 18 years of age or parent/legal guardian to sign the standard OFH performance contract.
- ✚ Order of bands will be determined by picking numbers out of a hat, which will be officiated by one of the judges or event co-producers.
- ✚ You will be allowed 1 guest per band member. All other guests including crew, concessions, t-shirt salesperson, etc. must pay \$6 at the door when the event opens at 7:45pm.

**All proceeds will benefit the Old Fire House Teen Center programs.**

### **\*Creators/Producers note:**

A part of the judging criteria includes “crowd response,” so the more people you have rooting for your band can certainly influence the judges. We encourage all the bands to do a lot of self promotion and get your crowd out to cheer you on. The difference between winning and losing could be what kind of crowd response you get. Remember to be creative with your Classic Rock cover songs, have fun and put on a great show for the audience.

## **Winner**

**Prizes will include, but are not exclusive to:**

- **15 hrs of recording time at the OFH Studio**
- **Gift cards for lessons and to music stores**

Employees of the Old Fire House, The City of Redmond; directors, employees, agents, representatives, Old Fire House affiliated advertising agencies, participating sponsors/promotional partners and the members of their immediate families are not eligible to participate in or win the OFH Classic Rockathon competition.

Contest prizes are non-transferable. Prizes may not be substituted or redeemed for cash.

Signature of entry representative must be 18 years of age or older.

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Signature of entry representative 18 or older

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Date



## OFH CLASSIC ROCKATHON! 2010 Application Packet

Date of Application:

### Main Information, please type or print clearly.

Band / Artist Name:		
Main Contact:		
Web or Myspace url:		
Home Phone:	Street Address:	City/State/Zip
Cell Phone:	Email Address:	
Any of your band members over 19 or under 13 years of age? If so, who:		
Emergency Contact Name:		Phone:
Have you ever performed in concert? <b>NO</b> <b>YES</b> If yes, where have you performed?		
How long has your group been playing music together?		
Have you participated in any OFH programs before? <b>NO</b> <b>YES</b> If yes, which ones?		
What songs, if accepted, will you play and who originally wrote and recorded them?		

### Describe how classic rock has influenced you in 100 words or less (use back of application as needed):


### Member Information

Name:	Instrument:	School:	Birthday/Age:

### CD Submittal Specification (identify track number and title)

1. Title/track no.:	3. Title/track no.:
2. Title/track no.:	4. Title/track no.:

### Rules, Regulations and Signature

I am 18 yrs old or older and am the official representative of the aforementioned band. I have read the rules governing the OFH 2010 Classic Rockathon band competition, and agree to be bound by them.

Print Name:	Signature:	Date:
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To enter, complete and sign this application and submit it, along with a CD or tape of your bands music or a classic rock cover song your band will play at the finals, to:

**OFH Rockathon / 16510 NE 79<sup>th</sup> ST / Redmond, WA / 98052 by the Deadline which is Wednesday, March 24, 2010.**

Please include any info that will help us get to know you: photo, bio etc.

All materials submitted will not be returned. If this form is NOT completely filled out, your entry will be voided.